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REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of Social Forestry Programme in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the Tenth Plan;

(c) whether the above programme has failed to yield desired result in Orissa;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to identify the bottleneck and to plug the loopholes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) during the Tenth Five Year Plan through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. The progress of implementation of NAP projects is reviewed by National-Level Steering Committee at the Central Government level and by the State-Level Coordination Committee at the State level. In addition, concurrent evaluation of selected ongoing NAP Projects by independent evaluators is commissioned by the Ministry.

(c), (d) and (e) As per information received from Government of Orissa, the progress of implementation of NAP projects is encouraging.